



Infection Prevention and Control Advisory Committee Minutes for January 21, 2009

The Infection Prevention and Control Advisory Committee convened at the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS), 150 North 18th Avenue, 4th Floor ALS Conference Room, Phoenix, Arizona.

Advisory Committee Members Present:

Ms. Barbara Allgood
Ms. Patty Gray
Ms. Judy Downs
Ms. Christine Ellis
Dr. Dan Aspery
Ms. Clare Kioski
Dr. Don Lauer
Ms. Barbara Averyt
Dr. Leonard Kirshner
Mr. Ken Komatsu
Dr. Rebecca Sunenshine
Mr. Don Herrington

Guests present

Dr. Cara Christ
Ms. Laura Erhart
Ms. Wendy Snyder

Call to Order

A quorum being present, Don Herrington, as the Director's designee, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Herrington announced his temporary assignment of Deputy Director with the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS), and apologized in advance of his possible absence at future meetings. Mr. Herrington suggested that Dr. Rebecca Sunenshine or Ken Komatsu fill in as his backup if needed. Barbara Averyt moved a motion of approval and Clare Kioski seconded the motion. Upon vote by the Committee, the motion was approved unanimously.

Introductions of Committee Members

Mr. Herrington asked that everyone introduce themselves. All those present either in person or by teleconference briefly provided an introduction to the group. Judy Downs

announced she will be taking a new position that may prevent her from participating in the committee meetings on a regular basis.

Review and Acceptance of December 17, 2008 Minutes

Mr. Herrington asked if time were needed to review the minutes from the previous meeting or if there was a need to make any corrections. Dr. Sunenshine recommended one minor correction be made to reflect that the 5-minute overview set for the State reviews may not be ample time to report on some of the earlier states that enacted legislation. Christine Ellis moved for the approval of the minutes with the correction and Dr. Dan Aspery seconded the motion. Upon vote by the Committee, the minutes were approved unanimously.

Review and Discussion of the HHS Action Plan to Prevent Healthcare-Associated Infections

The Committee discussed the HHS Action Plan out for public comment and the importance of the Committee's review as it outlines federal activities and goals in Healthcare Associated Infection (HAI) prevention that Arizona may wish to consider. The group discussed the option of commenting on the document as a Committee, however it was determined that this would be time consuming and may not be the best use of the Committee's time. After much deliberation on the plan; it was decided to continue the discussion of the plan in more detail at a future advisory committee meeting after the State legislation reviews have been completed. Clare Kioski suggested discussion of the HHS Action Plan be approached by breaking up the different sections to be presented by committee members. Several of the committee members were then assigned a section of the plan to review and present to the rest of the Committee.

Scope of Activities of the Infection Prevention and Control Advisory Committee

The Committee discussed the State Legislation Summary Table work in progress and the requirements of the Senate Bill 1356. The committee discussed in great detail what the focus of the Committee should be. Since Arizona statutes already mandate public health to prevent and control community-associated infections, it was suggested that control of healthcare associated infections be the focus of the Committee, except in the area of education and outreach, where both healthcare and community-associated infections should be addressed. The Committee discussed the fact that both the public and committee members may not be aware of public health's role in prevention and control of community associated infections. Clare Kioski proposed to have someone in the State give the Committee an overview on the requirements already in place for community acquired infections.

It was therefore decided that committee members would arrange for someone from the ADHS to present the functions of public health regarding prevention and control of community associated infections to the Committee. Clare Kioski suggested amending the definitions to include the updated NHSN (National Healthcare Safety Network) definition for catheter-associated urinary tract infections.

Dr. Sunenshine mentioned she would like to revise the State Legislation Summary Table to make it more user-friendly for the final report to the State Legislature. The Committee agreed.

Discuss Timeline for Presentation of State Legislative Activities

At this point in the agenda, the timeline had already been discussed. To review briefly, the Committee plans to discuss the State legislation for states that have already been assigned and at that point determine whether additional states need to be reviewed. Following the state legislation review, the Committee will review the HHS HAI plan, and then ADHS will review public health's activities in prevention and control of community-associated infections. Thereafter, the Committee will discuss and make recommendations based on the information reviewed and draft a report of the recommendations.

Virginia Legislation Review

Clare Kioski provided an outstanding presentation on Virginia's State Legislation activities. They passed the legislation to make it reportable but it was up to the health department to decide what they were going to make reportable. They do use NHSN. Any individual can request the data.

Update from Barbara Averyt Regarding Search for HAI Survivor to be on Committee

Barbara Averyt was successful in finding a HAI Survivor to become a member of the Committee. This new member will be attending the meetings periodically starting in February. Ms. Averyt will email the ADHS office with her name and mailing address so she can be formally invited to the committee. Ms. Averyt and Ms. Gray will orient her ahead of time so she will be up to speed for the meeting.

Discuss of Agenda and Logistics for Next Meeting

The Committee discussed the next meeting's agenda. One of the first items on the agenda will be to welcome and introduce the new committee member. Then the committee will move forward and continue with the State reviews by committee members. The next meeting will be February 18, 2009, at the ADHS, 150 N. 18th Avenue, 540A Conference Room. The meeting will be held from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. The call in number will remain the same for those members unable to attend in person.

Call to the Public

There was a call to the public, but no one chose to address the Committee.

Next Meeting / Adjournment:

The next meeting will be February 18, 2009, at 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. The location of the meeting will be the ADHS, 150 N. 18th Avenue, 540A Conference Room.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:59 p.m.